

# Mayor's Message

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## The Borough of Watchung Community Newsletter

Last month we again held a memorial service for all those who perished on 9/11. I want to thank Councilman Bill Nehls for organizing the event, and Senator Leonard Lance for his remarks. Also, my thanks to Councilmen Steve Black and Jerry Mobus for their remarks. Councilmen Tom Franklin and Steve Pote and Councilwoman Deb Joren were also in attendance that evening. The Valley View Brass Ensemble performed and Lea Monetti sang our national anthem for an appreciative audience; Lea's mother, Linda, created a very meaningful program. Charles Gunther concluded the service by playing "taps." We will continue to have this program on the Village Green each year and I look forward to your continued participation.

Three days later, we fielded our 5<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Regatta and it was an outstanding event. We had 18 teams and a new name on the trophy, - "Girl Scouts" - represented by winning fathers David Langer and Richard Stomber. Kudos to Maria Bachert and the Recreation Commission for organizing a great day. Next year we will return to our traditional first Sunday after Labor Day. Very special thanks to Camp Riverbend for the use of all the canoes, paddles and life vests.

The dam restoration on Best Lake is complete and we can now all enjoy the peace, beauty and uniqueness the lake brings to our community. The addition of aerators, benches and trees will complete the project and we are creating a donation program for all who wish to honor a special family member or friend.

I had hoped to have more information on the Diamond Hill/Route 78 interchange; however, a death in the family of one of the committee members postponed our meeting with the DOT. As soon as we have more information, I will bring it to you.

The Council On Affordable Housing (COAH) Third Round Rules are troubling. There are questions on the methodology used to determine the number of units the State is projecting we now must provide. There are several complicated methods, and one I have a serious problem with is the counting of a demolition of a residence and the replacement new home being considered a new unit. This same process was challenged in court previously and the Court upheld that a home constructed following demolition would not be considered a new unit. The new COAH rules count all demolitions going back to 2004, with resultant replacement homes triggering a requirement for additional affordable units. We have joined the New Jersey League of Municipalities lawsuit challenging the rules, and we have also joined the Clinton Coalition, a group of 19 towns along the Route 78 corridor. There are additional challenges by various groups and all will end in court. We will keep you informed.

The Council has hired the law firm of Porzio, Bromberg and Newman to prepare a feasibility study of our agreement with Watchung Regional High School. They are considering the following options:

1. Withdrawal of the Borough from the regional district and the establishment of a sending/receiving relationship with the regional district.
2. Dissolution of the regional district and establishment of a sending/receiving relationship for Watchung to educate our high school students in the same facility, which would then be controlled by the Warren Township Board of Education.
3. Dissolution of the regional district and formation of a K-12 regional district.

Additional options may be found and we have been meeting with the new Executive County Superintendent, Trudy Doyle, in an effort to have our situation be a pilot project, changing the current formula cost to a per pupil cost.

Finally Watchung Recreation's Harvest Festival will be held Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm. Bring the kids and have a great time! See you there.

*Mayor, Al Ellis*

**MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE**  
**The Watchung Hills Municipal Alliance 5K Run/Mayors Walk**

As far back as 1986, the Council of PTOs in our local region was espousing the philosophy that “parents are the best anti drug.....”

More recently, TV ads have echoed that refrain.

In addition to our region’s natural beauty, spaciousness and economic stability, the Watchung Hills Alliance has postured that one of our greatest assets is the core family. Research also supports that idea that this core family has been under stress both socially and culturally. Busy parents may not be aware that Mass communication (TV, Computer Sites, Printed Media, Movies, etc.) exert influences on the family and its youngest members. To that end, the Alliance, with the cooperation of our five school districts, Police Departments and numerous PTSOs, has sponsored an annual Parenting Information series. The speakers have discussed Computer Safety, Drug Identification, Eating Disorders, Prescription Medication Abuse, Depression and Suicide, and the Legal implications of underage drinking on the homeowner.

In addition to the information series, we have established an Alliance Day during which our four towns sponsor a 5K Run complete with Food and Prizes. Recently, we have added a friendly, competitive Mayor’s Walk contest for which there is a Trophy. (This walk’s prize is based on numbers of walkers) Watchung and Warren have been holders of this award. However, I am hearing that Green Brook is mounting a challenge to steal the cup away.....mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm.

The Alliance Day aims to draw out a good portion of our 33,000 residents. Parents, you are the anti drug. Show your children how to walk/run/have fun with their neighbors and fellow classmates. Come to the Alliance Run/Walk at our Alliance Day on October 4, 2008, by 8:45 AM (9:00 run start), at Brookside Drive in Watchung. You can sign up at the event start or go online to get our run application at [HTTP://www.bestrace.com/Watchung5K/watchung5k-2008.pdf](http://www.bestrace.com/Watchung5K/watchung5k-2008.pdf)

**MANDATORY RECYCLING**

**OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES** : If you have not received a recycling schedule or need a Blue recycling bin please call or come to Borough Hall and we will assist you.

**OWNERS OF COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES** : Must contact their private hauler for recycling information. The County does not handle commercial recycling.

**OTHER RECYCLING NEWS**

Recycling CFLs (**Compact Fluorescent Lights**) are now accepted at the following **Home Depots**:

<b>Bridgewater-Rt.202</b> 736 Rt. 202 South 908-252-0101	<b>Bridgewater—Rt. 28</b> 400 Promenade Blvd. 732-469-5883	<b>Watchung</b> 1515 Rt. 22 908-222-7700	<b>South Plainfield</b> 3100 Hamilton Blvd. 732-752-5900
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**Pressure Treated Lumber** not accepted at the county Household Hazardous Waste events. You may contact the BRI Transfer Station, 732-271-2800, for information.

**Electronics Recycling**: Somerset County holds their computer and electronics recycling events on the first Saturday of every month at their recycling center in Bridgewater. Residents may also drop off at the following, **(there is a fee)**

**Newtech Recycling Inc.**

600 A Apgar Drive  
Somerset, NJ 08873  
732-469-9774

## *Recreation*

***Watchung Recreation Annual Harvest Festival*** will be held on October 25, 2008-Rain Date October 26th. Inflatable jumpers, DJ, games, prizes, ponies, light refreshments and more will add to the fun. Enter the “Wrap the Mummy” contest. Get your portrait taken in your Halloween Costume! Photography by Shale Ridge, LLC [www.shaleridge.net](http://www.shaleridge.net). No Fee.

***Women’s Volleyball*** is a pick up style league for Watchung Women 18 years and older. The program starts October 6th through June and meets on Monday nights at Valley View School 7:00-9:00 pm. Registration forms are available on the website. No Fee .

***Jr. Volleyball*** is an instructional league for 6-8th grades-Monday nights at Valley View School-7:00-8:00 pm. Starts in January. No Fee.

***Open Gym Basketball*** is a pick up style league for Watchung adults 18 years and older. This program starts on September 12th and meets on Friday nights at Bayberry School, 7:00-9:00 pm. Registration forms available on website. No Fee.

***Recreation and Travel Basketball leagues*** for 2nd-8th grade will begin registration in October. The season runs December through March.

***Jr. Field Hockey*** is an instructional league for girls 6th-8th grade. This program (8 weeks) starts September 7th and meets on Sundays at 2:00 pm or 3:00 pm at Riverside Park in Long Hill Township. League fee includes uniform. Registration forms available on the website.

***Indoor Tennis Classes*** available for children in grades K-4th at Bayberry School. Players of all levels will enjoy learning the basics of tennis through drills and games. Classes start September 9th. Registration forms available on the website.

## RECREATION CONTACT INFORMATION

The Watchung Recreation Commission strives to be a community resource of information for recreation organizations within and around the Watchung community. Some of the sports programs offered to Watchung youth are coordinated by independent organizations. More detailed information is available at each group’s web site.

### Softball

Watchung Ponytail Softball Web: [whponytailsoftball.com](http://whponytailsoftball.com) (email: [WHPSL@optonline.net](mailto:WHPSL@optonline.net))

### Baseball

Watchung Little League Web: [www.watchunglittleleague.org](http://www.watchunglittleleague.org)

### Basketball

Watchung Hoops– (email: [watchunghoops@optonline.net](mailto:watchunghoops@optonline.net))

### Soccer

Watchung Hills Soccer Association Web: [www.whsa.org](http://www.whsa.org)

### Wrestling

Watchung Hills Wrestling Association Web: [www.whwa.org](http://www.whwa.org)

### LaCrosse

Watchung Hills Travel LaCrosse Web: [www.watchunghillslacrosse.org](http://www.watchunghillslacrosse.org)

### Football

Watchung Hills Pop Warner Web: [www.watchunghillspopwarner.org](http://www.watchunghillspopwarner.org)

Watchung Hills Jr. Warrior Football Association Web: [www.whjuniorwarriors.org](http://www.whjuniorwarriors.org)

**Borough of Watchung Recreation Commission**  
**Community Survey**

The objective of this survey is to utilize the residents' input to formulate the Recreation Commission's short and long term goals.

**One survey per household**

**RESIDENT PROFILE:** Please write in number of household members in each age group:

\_\_\_Ages 0-4 \_\_\_Ages 5-11 \_\_\_Ages 12-14 \_\_\_Ages 15-18 \_\_\_Ages 19-35 \_\_\_Ages 36-60 \_\_\_+60

**COMMUNICATION:** Please check all that you have utilized and feel is effective.

\_\_\_Flyers sent through the school system      \_\_\_Channel 15, Community Bulletin Board

\_\_\_Web site www.watchungnj.com              \_\_\_Echo Sentinel

\_\_\_Signs    \_\_\_Word of Mouth

\_\_\_Email/phone Recreation Department      \_\_\_Newsletter

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS & MAINTENANCE:** Place an "X" in one of the 3 columns next to each alternative, to indicate whether you believe the alternative is **near term** priority (to be undertaken in 1-5 years), a **future** priority (to be undertaken in 5 years or thereafter), or **not** a priority.

	Near Term (1-5 years)	Future (5+ Years)	Not
1. Additional Athletic Grass fields	_____	_____	_____
2. Bike/Walking Paths	_____	_____	_____
3. Renovation of Mobus Pavilion	_____	_____	_____
4. Community Dog Run	_____	_____	_____
5. Reconstruction of Tennis Courts at Camp Endeavor	_____	_____	_____
6. Construct Community Center Facilities	_____	_____	_____
7. Passive Open Space	_____	_____	_____
8. Reconstruction of basketball court at Camp Endeavor	_____	_____	_____
9. Creating a Skate Park/Roller hockey rink	_____	_____	_____
10. Installing playground equipment at Camp Endeavor	_____	_____	_____
11. Creating Community Organic Garden	_____	_____	_____
12. Installing Bocce Ball area or other	_____	_____	_____
13. Constructing Pavilion at Camp Endeavor	_____	_____	_____
14. Installing Athletic Turf field	_____	_____	_____
15. Other _____	_____	_____	_____
16. Other _____	_____	_____	_____

OF THE ABOVE ALTERNATIVES, MY NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS \_\_\_\_\_ (INDICATE NUMBER)

Please comment on any recreation programs/services not offered by the Borough or how existing programs/services might be improved: \_\_\_\_\_

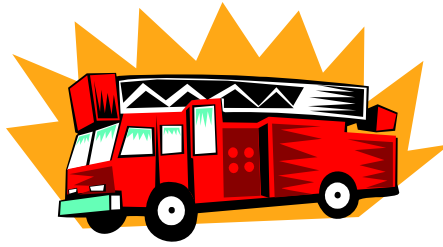
Comments, additions or insights: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return survey to: Recreation Commission Survey, 15 Mountain Blvd. Watchung, NJ 07069

Or FAX to: 908-757-7027 or email mbachert@watchungnj.com

## The Watchung Fire Department



The Watchung Fire Department is nearing the end of what has been a very busy calendar year so far. The volunteer firefighters have been responding to calls at a rate that will most likely culminate in the highest year end total ever. Not only is the total number of calls increasing, but the number of fires and serious emergencies are on the rise as well. Members continue to train maintaining their skills as well as enhancing their knowledge to better respond to any emergency. The department's equipment has been modernized through grants and annual budgets. This equipment has already been put to good use at many emergencies. As the annual fund drive nears we would like to thank the residents for your generosity in the past and for your future contributions.

While our financial needs have been maintained through generous contributions from residents and a supportive governing body, what the Department needs most are more dedicated volunteers. The Watchung Fire Department has maintained an all volunteer force for nearly 100 years. However, less and less people are coming out to volunteer their time. This is an issue that is not unique to Watchung; volunteerism is down around the County, State, and Nation. We have recognized this decline and are working with our mayor and council as well as neighboring towns to prepare for the future so as to maintain the highest levels of service. In order for this volunteer service to be possible we need anyone ages 16 and older to come volunteer for your fire department. Our future ability to maintain an all volunteer fire department is in your hands.



### **RABIES CLINIC**



The Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission will be offering one rabies clinic this winter to help our residents protect their pets against rabies. All residents are encouraged to have their dog or cat vaccinated against rabies. Spring will be upon us and we can expect to see a restart of rabies activity in our local wildlife. Along with this activity comes the increased risk of exposure to rabies. If your pet has been previously vaccinated, the health department recommends that your dog or cat be vaccinated every other year. If your pet has not been vaccinated against rabies, now is the time. **The clinic is free to all.**

**DATE:** Saturday, Dec 6, 2008  
**TIME:** 9:00 am to 10:00 am  
**WHERE:** Watchung Fire House  
57 Mountain Blvd.



### **FLU CLINICS** **FREE TO MEDICARE** **ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS** **Tentative Schedule**

**Wednesday Nov. 5, 2008**

-Middlesex Borough-11:00 am to 12:00 noon  
-Bound Brook Borough- 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008**

Warren Township—11:00 am to 12:00 noon

**THESE DATES ARE LIKELY TO**  
**CHANGE. CHECK OUR WEBSITE AND THE**  
**WATCHUNG TV CHANNEL 15 FOR DATES,**  
**LOCATIONS AND TIMES.**

**[www.watchungnj.com](http://www.watchungnj.com)**

**OR**

**Call: 732-356-8090, ext.254**

**YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER**



## **Dog Licenses**

*Dog licenses* are due during the month of January. *The most efficient method is to mail your license request to Borough Hall.* Simply enclose a copy of the updated rabies certificate (**THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH REQUIRES THAT THE VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES BE VALID THROUGH DECEMBER OF THE LICENSE YEAR**) **with your check for payment, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.** Using this method will alleviate the inconvenience of waiting at Borough Hall. Licenses can also be purchased in person, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

All original documentation will be mailed to you with the license and tag. A license cannot be issued without proof of a current vaccination. All dogs seven months of age or older must be licensed. Please use this form to mail your request to the Board of Health, 15 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, NJ 07069.

OWNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

HAIR: Short \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Long \_\_\_\_\_ Color/markings: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Address if Different from above \_\_\_\_\_

NEUTERED \_\_\_\_\_ SPAYED \_\_\_\_\_ RABIES VACCINE- DATE EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

VETERINARIAN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Proof of rabies vaccination MUST be sent with this application**

#### **Fee Schedule**

License Fee - \$10.80  
\*Non-neutered/spayed fee - \$ 3.00  
State Fees - \$ 1.20

#### **Additional Fees:**

**Late Fee after Jan. 31st - \$2.00/dog**

#### **Fee Calculation**

License Fee: \$10.80

Non-Neuter Fee (\$3.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

State Fee: \$ 1.20

**ADD LATE FEE (\$2.00) (After Jan. 31st)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31st**

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**

**TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY BASED DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
AND  
2008 RESIDENT DEER SURVEY RESULTS UPDATE**

The Watchung Borough Council and the Mayor's Office would like to thank the Residents of Watchung for their participation in the 2008 Resident Deer Survey. Direct input from members of the Community is always most beneficial in gaining insight into issues of importance to our residents.

The results of the Survey are summarized on the following page. Highlights of the survey indicate that 76% of the respondents believe that there is an over population of deer in their neighborhood while 21% believe that the deer population is manageable. In addition, as a means of managing the deer population level, 73% of survey respondents indicated their support for a controlled hunt, while 14% of respondents opposed a hunt and 10% had not made up their minds about a hunt.

Respondent's attitude about the quantity of deer in their neighborhoods did not appear to change much from the 2002 Survey, when 73% of respondents believed there was an overabundance of deer and 65% of the respondents supported a controlled hunt.

As reported earlier the 2007-2008 Community based Deer Management Program resulted in harvesting 116 deer, which brings the total for the 5 years of hunting to over 600 deer. This harvest plus the deer struck by vehicles and the ongoing birth and death rate still leaves an estimated deer density range from 55-70 deer per square mile. It is interesting to note that the deer culled since initiation of the deer management program alone is equal to a density of 100 deer per square mile.

Forest Management experts advise that a healthy forest can support no more than 20 deer per square mile and woods that have already been over browsed by deer require a deer population of less than 10 deer per square mile to regenerate itself to a normal state of environmental balance . In order to move toward natural regeneration of woodland and residential property the Mayor and Council will again be authorizing a culling program for the 2008-2009 hunting season. There is no viable realistic alternative. The destruction of all growth below four feet means increased flooding, the lowering of water quality in our streams, rivers, lakes and ultimately bays, loss of habitat for smaller animals and birds and absence of new trees to replace the older ones as they mature and die. Ancillary benefits include the expectation of a decrease in car/deer accidents, fewer lyme disease-carrying ticks and reduced destruction of landscape plants.

A major factor in the success of a deer population program is the number of culling sites. During the 2007-2008 season, the Borough was fortunate to have had approximately 10 sites. However, a substantial increase in sites would significantly assist in improving the culling results. The attached form may be forwarded to the Borough Offices to have your property considered for a culling site, or simply call the Borough Offices at 908-756-0080

For additional information regarding the results of the survey or any aspects of the Community Based Deer Management Program please contact Administrator Lauren Fellin at the Borough offices (908-756-0080).

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG**  
**Deer Management Program**  
**Property Owner Authorization Letter**

Name of all property owner(s):

Address:

Borough/Zip:

Phone:

I hereby grant permission to the Borough of Watchung and Deer Management Systems, Inc., to utilize my property to bait, kill, destroy, injure, shoot, shoot at, take, wound, or attempt to take, kill or wound deer within 450 feet of any occupied building on my property. This will be done as part of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife approved Community Based Deer Management Program in the Borough of Watchung, I understand that I will be notified prior to any Borough Deer Management Program activity within 450 feet of any occupied building on my property.

#1 Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



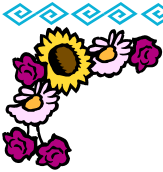


## TRAFFIC AND BEAUTIFICATION

With the addition of Spratford Park, the Somerset Street entrance to town is looking beautiful and very inviting.

We are all looking forward to the completion of the Best Lake Project. It will be a very quiet area complete with benches and a picnic table and lovely natural plantings.

In closing, thank you to all our Traffic and Beautification members and Charlie Gunther and the Public Works men for all their hard work in keeping our town as beautiful as ever.



## GARDEN CLUB NEWS



*Fall's Floral Fantasies*, the Garden Club of Watchung's autumn luncheon and boutique, will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 11:00 am at The Primavera Regency in Stirling. Cindy of Floral Designs in South Bound Brook will demonstrate her art as the guest speaker. Luncheon proceeds will fund the club's activities that include plantings at Watchung circle and triangle, the Watchung Library gardens and various school and Lyons VA programs. This past spring the club also participated in planting shrubs and flowers at Watchung Regional High School. For ticket information call Colleen Mehegan at 908-754-5766.

The ladies always do a great job on the floral arrangements they place for display at Borough Hall. They brighten our counter and are a welcome sight for all residents visiting us.



### Nonpoint Source Pollution or people pollution

(contamination of our waterways & ocean that results from everyday activities)

**The good news**—we can stop this pollution by making simple changes in our daily lives.

**-Litter:** Place all litter, including cigarette butts & fast food containers, in trash receptacles. Never throw litter in streets or down storm drains.

**-Fertilizers:** avoid overuse, do not apply before a rainfall. They contain nitrates & phosphates that, in abundance, cause blooms of algae that can lead to fish kills.

**-Pesticides:** Many are toxic to humans, animals, aquatic organisms, and plants. Follow label direction carefully-Do not overuse and use natural alternatives whenever possible.

**-Household Hazardous Products:** paint thinners, moth balls, drain & oven cleaners, to name a few contain toxic ingredients. Do not pour hazardous products down any drain or toilet. Do not discard with regular household trash. Use natural, less toxic alternative whenever possible.

### WATCH FOR COUNTY RUN HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DATES.

## Register and Vote!

Watchung residents age 18 and over may register to vote or request forms for absentee ballot at the Borough Clerk's office, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM, or by calling 908-756-0080 requesting that forms be mailed. Either form may also be obtained through the Somerset County Government page on the Internet at <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us>.

Qualifications to register to vote are: 18 years of age or older by the date of the election, citizen of the United States; a resident of New Jersey for at least thirty (30) days prior to the election; and a resident of Somerset County for twenty-one (21) days prior to the election.

Polls are open from 6 AM to 8 PM on election days. The County Clerk must receive request forms for absentee ballots not later than October 28, 2008, 7 days prior to the election.

The ***Last Day*** to register to vote for the November 4th General Election is Monday, October 14, 2008.



## News from your Rescue Squad...

We are very excited to be completing the finishing touches to our building addition / renovation. This long-awaited project has finally come to fruition, enabling us to house the larger ambulances and additional equipment required today.

We are anticipating the delivery of a new 2008 Horton ambulance - this "state of the art" truck was carefully designed and custom built to allow for safe, efficient care and transport in any eventuality, equipped with four wheel drive, heavy duty chassis and many upgrades. It will get the job done even in the worst weather conditions.

The Tree of Lights fundraising event has become a Borough tradition. The Tree is lit to honor and remember our families and friends. Please watch for our flier in your mailbox, and join us in a great start to the holiday season.

We are always ready to welcome new members; the various membership categories allow for different levels of involvement. If we can assist you or answer questions, please call the number below or visit our website.

From the Membership of the Watchung Rescue Squad, have a safe and healthy holiday season!

**Call: 908-755-1297**

**Website: [watchungems.org](http://watchungems.org)**

## FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The 2008 Leaf Pickup will commence on November 3, 2008 and continue throughout the fall season. All leaves **must be in BIO-DEGRADABLE PAPER BAGS** and placed on the grass area close to the road. **NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR PICKUP.** Pickups will not be scheduled for any specific time or location.

Leaf pickup is limited to high density areas located within the following areas: Brookdale, Stirling and Hillcrest Roads north to Evergreen Lane; Mountain Blvd from Washington Drive to Rock Ave.; Johnston Drive to the water tower including Upper Drive and Johnston Drive Extension. All residents are urged to utilize their leaves as compost; however, should any resident in a rural area desire pickup of leaves in **BIODEGRADABLE PAPER BAGS ONLY**, call the office of Public Works at 756-0091, ext.14. Due to the State's New Stormwater Regulations, the Borough now has an ordinance prohibiting placement of leaves in the street.

Old man Winter is just around the corner. The Public Works Department works hard to maintain public streets, thoroughfares and right-of-ways clear for safe passage of vehicular traffic during and following periods of snowfall.

Public Works would like to remind residents that the pushing/plowing of snow onto Borough roads is prohibited by ordinance. Please take the time to advise your contractors. Remember, the icing over of residual snow in the roadways creates unnecessary safety hazards and removal takes a severe toll on the Borough's equipment. For further information regarding property maintenance and snow removal, visit [http://www.codedsystems.com/watchung\\_nj.htm](http://www.codedsystems.com/watchung_nj.htm) to review the Watchung Borough code and check the bulletin board on our borough website @ [www.watchungnj.com](http://www.watchungnj.com).

## **REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS**

**Residents are responsible for snow removal on their sidewalks in the winter.**

## WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

The Watchung Arts Center offers art exhibitions, live music performances, comedy and improv, and classes in drawing, photography, and yoga. The center is located "On the Circle", at 18 Stirling Road, in Watchung. We are a volunteer/non-profit organization. Website: [www.watchungarts.org](http://www.watchungarts.org)

Some of the upcoming events are:

**Powerful Women of Song**— First Saturday of the month—check website for dates and performers.

**Great Jazz Series 2008-2009**— Hendrik Meurkens—Oct. 25th at 8 pm, non-member \$20.00, member \$18.00

Laura Higgins—Oct. 24th at 8 pm, non-member \$16.00, member \$14.00.

"Classical on the Circle" - begins in mid-November.

**Film Society** - All start at 7 PM, \$7.00 donation suggested. Check website for dates and showings.

**Art Exhibitions:** check the website for information

**Children's Juried Art Show reception:** October 19th 2-3 pm followed by benefit concert with Danette Whalen and students from 3-5:30

**PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE  
AND OUR MANY OTHER OFFERINGS.**

[www.watchungarts.org](http://www.watchungarts.org)



## WATCHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY

For details on all programs please check the Watchung website: [www.watchungnj.com](http://www.watchungnj.com) or the TV station

Music to Move By:	Birth through age 4 with caregiver
Music for Special Needs Kids:	Age 0 to 5
Stories for Twos:	Age 24 to 35 months with caregiver
Friday Funtime Storytime:	Age 3 with caregiver
Halloween Spook-tacular!:	Pre-K through Grade 9— Thursday, October 30th at 4:00 pm
Creepy Crawly Animals:	Ages 4 to 11— Wednesday, October 22nd, 4:00 pm
Chess Club:	2nd grade and up—for children who know how to play chess
Miss June's Room	Ages 4 to 6, Thursday, 10/9 & 23 at 4:00 pm
Baking and Books with Dough Christopher Agostino's TRANSFORMATIONS:	Ages 6 and up
Teen Action Group Meeting:	Ages 7 to 17—Wednesday, October 29th, 4:30 pm
New Games at the Library:	Ages 12 to 17
Teen Lit Gone Wrong!:	Ages 12 and up, Head-to-head Xbox 360 Tournament Play, Oct. 24th, 7-8:00 pm
Manga Club:	Ages 12 to 17
New Comic Night:	Ages 12 to 17, Monday, Oct. 20th, 7 to 8:00 pm
Tea and the Reading of Leaves:	Adults, Thursday, Oct. 23rd, 7:00 -bring a shallow teacup & saucer (NO MUGS)
Book Clubs:	Adults—Current Books Book Club

- ◆ **Registration is required for ALL programs.**
- ◆ **For safety reasons, parents must remain in the library while children under 9 attend programs.**
- ◆ **Some restrictions may apply to certain programs.**
- ◆ **Please call if you cannot attend a program for which you have registered for.**
- ◆ **Please remember—CELL PHONE USE NOT PERMITTED during programs in the library, the Seniors Room and Watchung Arts Center.**
- ◆ **THANK YOU for being punctual as programs will start on time.**

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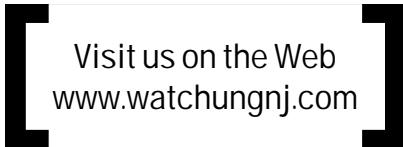
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